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Mr. Wayne Becker
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Dear Mr. Becker:

This letter confirms the conversation we had together with Mr. Marshall of the Columbus City Health Department. At that time, I explained that the old "demolition" dump south of Trabue Road, and between McKinley Avenue and the railroad tracks, should be covered with at least two feet of compacted earth, and seeded with a vegetative cover to prevent erosion and promote runoff of surface water. The site had in fact been accepting solid wastes other than demolition and construction debris.

A new dump, also south of Trabue Road, but east of the railroad tracks, had been started when my inspection was made. This also was an unlicensed dump, illegally accepting solid wastes other than demolition and construction debris. Among other wastes at this site were found drums of liquid industrial wastes.

I understand that the Columbus City Health Department has issued orders to stop dumping at this site. I concur with those orders. I mentioned at the time of our conversation that dumping at that site should stop immediately.

Marble Cliff Quarries and the City of Upper Arlington operate a licensed solid waste disposal facility north of Trabue Road, only a short distance from the dumps mentioned above. Many of the wastes formerly accepted at these dumps may be legally accepted at the licensed facility north of Trabue Road. For all but liquid, toxic, or hazardous wastes, you can fulfill your duty to your clients by directing them from your dump south of Trabue to your licensed site north of Trabue.

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I must point out, however, that the operation of the licensed site is poor, and must be improved if we are to continue licensing it. In particular, these points should be corrected:

1. Operation is not being confined to the smallest practical area. A responsible person should be on the site at all times to direct truck traffic and form a "working face" for unloading of trucks. Currently, trucks unload in a haphazard fashion.
2. Solid wastes must be compacted continuously throughout the operating day.
3. Solid wastes must be covered daily with a six inch layer of compacted earth. The top of the dumping area is currently getting inadequate cover. The sides of the dumping area are getting no cover.
4. Blowing litter is not an extreme problem in the quarry, but portable fencing near the working area would be helpful.

The operation of your site can be significantly upgraded without much additional equipment. I hope to see major improvements in the next thirty days. Your landfill will be reinspected then.

If any of the above points are not clear, I will be pleased to explain our intentions personally or by phone. Furthermore, our Training Section holds frequent operator training sessions, which may prove helpful to your operators. If we can be of assistance to you in upgrading your landfill, please do not hesitate to call.

Yours truly,

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